

POLICY 7.14 – Research Involving Human Participants

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I. PURPOSE

To cultivate an environment in which the conduct of Research involving Human Participants, performed by faculty, staff or students of or in affiliation with The University of Western Ontario (Western), follows the highest ethical standards.

To promote an awareness and understanding of how the Core Ethical Principles of Respect for Persons, Concern for Welfare, and Justice are applied within the current version of the Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (TCPS) as well as all applicable regulations, guidelines, and standards pertaining to human participant protection: and

To establish an independent human research ethics review process charged with the task of

Glossary of Terms

Core Ethical Principles of Respect for Persons, Concern for Welfare, and Justice – Respect for human dignity requires that research involving humans be conducted in a manner that is sensitive to the inherent worth of all human beings and the respect and consideration that they are due. Respect for human dignity is expressed through three core principles: Respect for Persons, Concern for Welfare, and Justice. These core principles transcend disciplinary boundaries and, therefore, are relevant to the full range of research covered by the Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans – TCPS 2 (2018)

Human Participant – An individual whose data, biological materials, or responses to interventions, stimuli, or questions by a researcher are relevant to answering the research question(s). Also referred to as a “human participant,” and in other policies/guidance as “subject” or “research subject (as defined by TCPS2 [2018] https://ethics.gc.ca/eng/tcps2-eptc2_2018_glossary-glossaire.html).

Multi-centre – The research is reasonably expected to be conducted at more than one centre
[REDACTED] model.